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Dear Mr. Estlin.

Your suggestion
through Mr. May, respecting
the publication of a list of
donations &c. has been attended
to, & I hope may serve the
purpose for which it is sent.
It seems so imperfect & cold
that I have feared lest it may
not be suitable. There was so
much to say & so little space to
say it in. I sent to the Joub
an acknowledgement of the kind-
ness of the Board of Missions, which
seemed to me that the case particu-
larly demanded; but that
and many other specific
acknowledgements were crowded

out by the inexorable nature
of type-metal. Garrison told me
that what I prepared must
come within a certain weight,
& he selected the sheet for me.

And its limits would permit no
more. I would therefore intreat
you to say, whenever the sub-
ject of the cause comes up, in
conversation with the donors,
that you know what the
recipients feel, though they are
unable to express it satisfactorily.

Perhaps we should put the
same, if we filled a sheet of
the size of an "extra-time";
for I believe this is one of
the cases that Language is
not competent to meet. I
have inserted a copy of the

Liberty Bell with your name,
in token, however imperfect, of
grateful & affectionate acknowledg-
ment. It may be occasionally
in your mind to wish for some
trifle from America, & from
the Bazaar, by which to confirm
the interest or awaken the sym-
pathy of persons to us unknown;
and I have therefore enclosed
a few copies of the Liberty Bell
for your disposition.

I shall write very fully
to Miss Estlin of such particu-
lars as occur to my mind
of the progress & success of the Ba-
zear. You will not wonder
at their being few & imperfect,
for the fatigue & exertion of
the occasion fall heavily on
a few, & to such an extent as to

Make them Solicitors mainly
to discharge the responsibility &
this unfits them to read the
little history with the graphic
power which they would ascribe to
under more favorable circum-
stances.

That you, at such a distance
from the scene of action, & in no
way implicated in the guilt of
Slavery, should devote so much
time & exertion to the work
its extinction, awakens in my
mind emotions of fresh surprise
& gratitude whenever I think of
it. We are so situated, that we
feel it an imperative obliga-
tion, as we would "save our souls
alive" to labor unceasingly for
the abolition of Slavery. We cannot
breathe or have our being, without
inhaling its poison in some shape.

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and we feel a moral compulsion
to give the life which is sustained
by involuntary participation in
it, to the work of destroying it.

With you in England it must
be more an act of benevolence
than with us. So it seems to me.

I would go far to see suffering al-
leviated: - I would go double the distance
to see wrong righted: but I have
a third strong motive which you
in England cannot feel to the same
extent, for you are not implicated
in the guilt of the System, as we
should be if we devoted ourselves
to any other good work, leaving
this without our active support.

Will you be so good as
to forward the books & letters
enclosed in the Box to your ad-
dress, as they are directed. They

are not private in any
sense that I should make it
an act of discourtesy in me
to say to you - "and then if you
wish, or have the time, before for-
warding them." They concern
only the common cause, and
what I have said to Miss Browne
with regard prices, duties, &c. I would
also submit to your consideration
with regard to Bristol. It would
have been well nigh impossible
for us exactly to estimate the
amount of our Foreign contribu-
tions; but could we have given time
and diligence enough at that crow-
ded moment, it still would have been
had for nothing. There is a satisfaction
in proclaiming a great amount,
which would have made it impos-

able to keep the knowledge of that
amount from the public, & if
such information reaches the Custom
house, it gives them just the ex-
cuse they need there to add to the
amount of duty. Still we need
to know what the cost of material,
manufacture, freight & duty ought to
amount to on each article. & it would
be a sensible relief to us if they came
marked in some private way. For
example, £ 2. 2. 2. might be
written 222. In fact only those who
have prepared the articles can
say with exactness what ^{price} they
ought to bring. You shall soon
receive the report of the Massachu-
setts Anti-Slavery Society, which
will tell you better than I can
do, the history of the year & our
^{present} relations to the things about us.

With most sincere & affectionate
respect,

I am,

dear Sir,

Yours ever truly,

A. W. Chapman.

Will you be so good
as to forward the enclosed
copies of the Liberty Bell as
addressed. I feel how much
~~trouble~~ trouble I am giving
- and it is for the cause's
sake I ask it.